

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 1 as shown in Appendix A submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated in Appendix B submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 10-11 and 13-18 are presently pending in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to place the claim into the same form as pending in the parent application.

Claims 2-9 and 12 have been cancelled as in the parent.

New claims 13-18 correspond to amended claims as pending in the parent. In particular, presently pending claim 13 of the captioned new continuation application corresponds to claim 14 of the parent. Claim 14 corresponds to claim 18. Claim 15 corresponds to claim 20. Claim 16 corresponds to claim 21. Claim

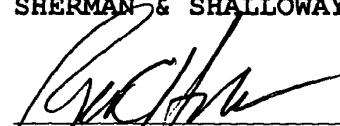
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17 corresponds to claim 22. Claim 18 corresponds to claim 23.

The specification has been amended at page 1 before the first paragraph to make reference to Applicants' parent application and to prior related applications.

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